## STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA CALIFORNIA RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Saturday, September 29, 2007
State Bar Annual Meeting
Anaheim Marriott Hotel
Platinum Room 10
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The State Bar of California's Commission for the Revision of the Rules of Professional Conduct will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on five (5) proposed amended Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California ("California Rules") currently circulating for a public comment period ending on October 26, 2007. The California Rules are rules approved by the Supreme Court, the violation of which will subject an attorney to discipline (see Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6076, § 6077). The Commission has been assigned to evaluate the existing California Rules, in light of developments in the attorney professional responsibility field since the last comprehensive revision of the rules occurred in 1989.

The hearing, the second of several planned over the course of this multi-year rule revision project, will be held during the State Bar's Annual Meeting at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel - Platinum Room 10 on Saturday, September 29th, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Please complete and submit the attached registration form if you wish to testify. Speakers are encouraged to submit written comments in advance of the hearing, and no later than the hearing date. The time to testify may be limited based on the number of requests received. All efforts will be made to accommodate all requests to testify. Please be prepared to take questions from representatives of the Commission. Please note that the hearing will run until all speakers have had an opportunity to speak, or until 4:00 pm, whichever occurs first. Generally the order of speakers will be based upon the order in which registrations are received.

Those who intend to testify and/or present written materials should contact: Audrey Hollins, (415) 538-2167, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, audrey.hollins@calbar.ca.gov, no later than Friday, September 21, 2007. A copy of the Discussion Draft providing the rule proposals is available from the State Bar's website at <a href="https://www.calbar.ca.gov">www.calbar.ca.gov</a> (from the Public Comment link).

Comments on the following 5 rules or issues related to these rules are the focus of this second hearing. Rule amendment issues not raised by the 5 identified rules will be the subject of future hearings.

Rule 1.8.3	Gifts from Client [4-400]
Rule 1.8.5	Payment of Personal or Business Expenses Incurred by or for a Client [4-210]
Rule 1.8.11	Relationship with Other Party's Lawyer [3-320]
Rule 1.8.12	Purchasing Property at a Foreclosure or a Sale Subject to Judicial Review [4-300
Rule 8.4.1	Prohibited Discrimination in Law Practice Management and Operation [2-400]

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Address: City:\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: Speaking on behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Firm (if applicable) Topic or topics you intend to discuss: \_\_\_\_\_ The deadline for advance hearing registration is Friday, Sept. 21, 2007 at 5:00 pm. Please send this form to: **Audrey Hollins Professional Competence** State Bar of California 180 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105 415-538-2167

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